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Serial No.: U.S. Patent Application 09/730,277, filed December 5, 2000

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gary Gao, *et al.*  
Application No.: 09/730,277  
Filing Date: December 5, 2000  
Confirmation No.: 6965  
Group Art Unit: 1731  
Examiner: J. Hoffmann  
Title: Methods And Apparatus For The Cooling Of Filaments In  
A Filament Forming Process

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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE  
OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

On October 15, 2007, Applicants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 10, 2007 indicating that the amendments to the claims do not contain a proper status identifier. In particular, it was asserted that claim 12 did not include the requisite markings to indicate the changes being made to the claim.

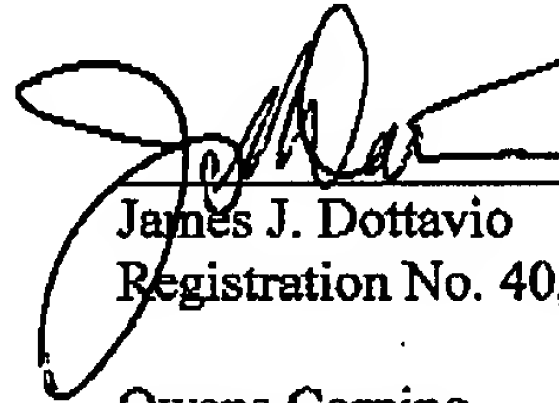
Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that claim 12 has been properly amended. Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 12 to include a formatting change in which a tab was inserted between the phrase "comprising:" and "a" to place claim 12 in the same format as the remaining claims pending in the application.

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Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 was properly amended by underling the tabbed insertion in compliance with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1) and 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(2). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on October 10, 2007 be withdrawn and the Amendment filed on October 1, 2007 be entered and considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11-16-07



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